

WATCOMBE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 20 July 2005
5.00pm Hele Baptist Church Hall, Torquay

Present: Cllr Gordon Jennings, PC Phil Owen, PC Steve Stoppard, Sue Smith – Street Warden, Bob Plumb – Community Education, Vicky Thomas – Riviera Housing Trust, Phil Vandenhove – Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator

Apologies: Cllr Steve Darling, Tara Fowler – Environment Officer, Vicki Clarke – Street Warden, Marilyn Martin

	<u>Action</u>
1.0 <u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>	
Agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.	
2.0 <u>Matters Arising</u>	
Barton Hill Road – Gordon advised that the planning application for David Meek to move the workshop has been approved which should reduce some traffic flow. There has also been approval for some alterations to the cul-de-sac next to David Meek to help with the traffic flow.	GJ
Bus Service – Snooty Fox – To be discussed with Steve Darling. Questions were raised why this issue wasn't been discussed at the St Marychurch Community Partnership meeting.	SD
Gating to rear of Watcombe Community Centre- Gordon advised that a letter had been forwarded to John Brennan of Riviera Housing Trust regarding funding for fencing. Vicky advised that she was unaware of this and asked for details to be forwarded to her. Vicky also advised that there was funds from the Environmental Improvements budget that she could access.	GJ/VT
3.0 <u>Community Action Plan</u>	
The group referred to the Watcombe Community Partnership Community Safety Action Plan distributed with the minutes	
Coleridge Court Signage – Vicky advised that the signs were in the process of being drawn up and had been passed onto the Trust's Technical Services Department. It is hoped that they would be in place shortly.	VT
Scramble Biking at Easterfield – It was discussed that a separate meeting was required to look at this issue. This meeting would need to involve the Police, Golf Club, Torbay Council and the relevant Councillors.	SS/PH
Jack's Lane Traffic Issues – Police can't enforce the current signage and therefore this is an ongoing issue. Residents need to get together and provide fresh evidence of the problem. Gordon and Steve Darling are	SD

to speak to this issue and Steve Darling is to move the problem forward.

Moor Lane Traffic Problems – The tree that has been causing some of the problems has been removed but there is due to be a bigger review of problems. Gordon has met with the both schools (Watcombe and Steps Cross) and new parking is/has been put in place which should alleviate some of the problems.

GJ

Youth Facilities – Bob is looking at obtaining funding from the Local Network Fund. Between £7,000 and £13,000 is available and this can include provision for increased staffing for youth activities.

Gordon advised that the Acorn Centre are going to be using the Watcombe Community Centre as an outreach to youngsters and this can be done in conjunction with Bob Plumb.

GJ/BP

Bob also said that the bike project is not yet up and running and he was currently targeting Torbay Council staff to assist with the project. Bob is looking to obtain a cover over the rear of the Watcombe Office for use of the bike project – it is hoped that safer communities may provide funding for this. Bob is working with Daron Hand of Riviera Housing Trust for permission for this shelter.

BP

It was discussed that Bob Plumb would arrange a meeting with Steve Stoppard and Phil Owen to organise a youth event and the way forward.

BP/SS/
PO

Bob also advised that the survey carried out with younger people in the area in October 2004 found that the younger people wanted weekly activities, a membership club, workshops for activities such as dance and art, plus day trips out.

Improve Life Chances for Under 5's – No information to report back. To be discussed at the next meeting.

SD

Happaway Road – The road improvement between Quarry and Barton Hill Road has been passed but there is no start date at present. Chris Gubby will be providing the information to Gordon.

GJ

Salisbury Avenue Play Area – The future of the play area is currently unknown. Gordon will discuss this with the Parks Department before moving this issue forward further. Andy Phillips within the Estate Department is looking at the park and the costings. Steve Stoppard advised that he was aware of monies that could be used for this redevelopment of the park. It was discussed that lighting would assist in reducing the anti social behaviour within the park. Steve Stoppard to provide Phil Vandenhove with details regarding the lighting issue.

GJ

SS

SS/PV

Starpitten Play Area – The group felt it would be more beneficial to develop all of the green. Phil Owen will contact the relevant organisations to obtain bigger and improved plans. Gordon will investigate and move forward obtaining further funding from Barclays.

PO

GJ

Tired & Dirty Estates – Vicky advised that the tenancy agreement is now being enforced but the issue is the past with regards to parking. For

example neither Torbay Council or Riviera Housing Trust have actioned the many parking areas ie. hard standings and dropped kerbs put in place without permission. Vicky said that an initiative needs to be looked at jointly with the Council and she is open to ideas and suggestions of ways to move this forward. GJ advised he would speak Highways in connection with suggestions.

Lack of Parking on Social Housing Estates – A programme will be in place for zoning and parking permits. Halsteads Road is currently being looked at and Gordon is moving this forward.

GJ

4.0 **Any Other Business**

Take A Stand Reward 2005 - Phil Vandenhove provided details of the "Take A Stand Reward 2005". A person can be nominated for taking a stand towards anti social behaviour. Nominations need to be received by 3 October 2005. The prize is £1,000 for a future community project. Phil has the nomination forms. Further information can be found at www.takingastand.org or by calling 0800 0852980.

Community Action Days – Phil Vandenhove advised that a meeting took place in June to discuss the way forward with the Community Action Days. It has been advised the days will be organised on a "need" basis and applications will be required. GJ advised that Watcombe would be ideal for a community action event.

Objective 2 Funding – Gordon advised that this funding was coming to an end but there would be something else to replace it for 2007/2013. Gordon will be looking at ensuring Watcombe is included within the next round of funding.

GJ

Diary Crest – Issues with staff who have left the building driving too fast. Steve Stoppard will visit and discuss the problem with the management.

SS

Mini Motos – This is an ongoing issue. The Police are aware of households who have these machines. When causing an offence the Police issue a warning letter and a further offence then results in the moto being seized.

SS/PO